

Aid To Indigents (General Relief)

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The county is mandated to provide subsistence in the form of cash aid for food, shelter, and transportation to indigents who do not meet categorical eligibility requirements for state and federally funded programs. These general relief payments facilitate transition to an employable status and provide interim assistance pending receipt of SSI benefits. Services and supplies consist of a fixed amount contract with a law firm to assist clients in preparing applications for Social Security Insurance (SSI) benefits. Other revenue represents retroactive SSI payments, which the county receives as reimbursement for general relief assistance provided to SSI eligible indigents prior to their enrollment in the SSI program.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET AND WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 2003-04	Budget 2004-05	Estimate 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06
Appropriation	1,490,049	1,361,560	1,364,962	1,446,420
Departmental Revenue	331,626	342,470	346,802	370,256
Local Cost	1,158,423	1,019,090	1,018,160	1,076,164

Workload Indicators

Individuals served per month	482	445	456	464
Average monthly grant per person	\$255	\$252	\$255	\$258

Based on actual monthly costs from July 2004 to February 2005, projected costs for the remainder of 2004-05 indicate a potential over expenditure of \$3,402 due to a higher than projected caseload.

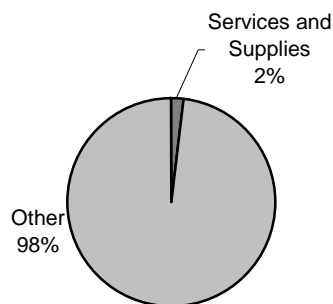
Reasons for the increase in caseload include the following:

- CalWORKs clients timing out after 5 years on aid,
- Population increases in San Bernardino County and the availability of cheaper housing (including shared living arrangements),
- Clients staying on aid longer because of changes to SSI rules, i.e. substance abusers are not eligible for SSI unless they are in a treatment program.
- Clients staying on aid longer because of the lengthy appeals process for their specific case situations (some clients have been in the appeals process since 2002).

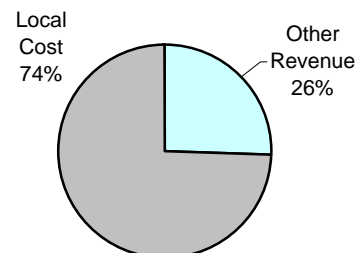
Revenue collections for the first seven months of 2004-05 appear to be slightly more than anticipated. The revenue collection represents retroactive SSI payments the County receives as reimbursement from eligible indigents prior to their enrollment in SSI. Based on actual monthly revenue from October 2003 to February 2005, projected revenue for the remainder of 2004-05 indicate a potential increase of \$ 4,332.

As a result of the increase in revenue collection, the net impact on County local cost is anticipated to result in savings of approximately \$930.

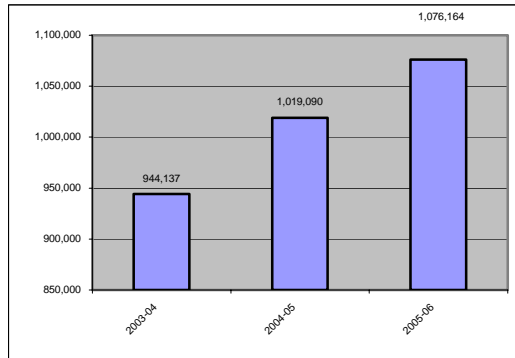
2005-06 BREAKDOWN BY EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY



2005-06 BREAKDOWN BY FINANCING SOURCE



2005-06 LOCAL COST TREND CHART



GROUP: Human Services System
DEPARTMENT: Aid to Indigents
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAA ATI
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: General Relief

ANALYSIS OF 2005-06 BUDGET

	A	B	C	D	B+C+D E	F Department Recommended Funded Adjustments (Schedule A)	E+F G 2005-06 Proposed Budget
	2004-05 Year-End Estimates	2004-05 Final Budget	Cost to Maintain Current Program Services	Board Approved Adjustments	Board Approved Base Budget		
Appropriation							
Services and Supplies	2,574	27,738	555	-	28,293	-	28,293
Other Charges	1,362,388	1,333,822	84,305	-	1,418,127	-	1,418,127
Total Appropriation	1,364,962	1,361,560	84,860	-	1,446,420	-	1,446,420
Departmental Revenue							
Other Revenue	346,802	342,470	27,786	-	370,256	-	370,256
Total Revenue	346,802	342,470	27,786	-	370,256	-	370,256
Local Cost	1,018,160	1,019,090	57,074	-	1,076,164	-	1,076,164

It is projected that 2005-06 caseload will increase by 4% in comparison to 2004-05 budget due to the following:

- CalWorks clients reaching the 5-year aid limit.
- The County's continuing population increase and the availability of affordable housing (including shared living arrangements)
- Clients staying on aid longer because of changes to SSI rules, i.e. drug addicts and alcoholics are not eligible for SSI unless they are in a treatment program.
- Clients staying on aid longer because of the lengthy appeals process for their specific case situations (some clients have been in the appeals process since 2002).

Average monthly aid per case is projected to increase by 2.5% due to inflation.

Due to the 4% increase in caseload and the 2.5% increase in average monthly aid expenditures will increase by \$84,860 over 2004-05.

The revenue collection represents retroactive SSI payments the County receives as reimbursement from eligible indigents prior to their enrollment in SSI. Based on actual monthly revenue from October 2003 to February 2005, it is anticipated that revenue for 2005-06 will result in an increase of \$27,786 over 2004-05.

As a result of the increase in revenue collection, the net impact on County local cost will result in an increase of \$57,074. However, due to expected savings in other subsistence budget units, HSS is not expected to exceed overall budgeted local cost.

